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From: Holt, Kay [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=60D01F6D16BB4D7FB1AD488C35448C40-HOLT, VANESSA KAY]
Sent: 7/10/2018 8:54:47 PM
To: Sutton, Jeff [Sutton.Jeff@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Millions Wasted Forcing Bunnies And Rats To Eat Lard And Breathe Truck Fumes | The Daily Caller

Chris was grateful for update and clearly said we should send response to Christiane when complete.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Sutton, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 4:23 PM
To: Holt, Kay <Holt.Kay@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Millions Wasted Forcing Bunnies And Rats To Eat Lard And Breathe Truck Fumes | The Daily Caller

I spoke with Christiane and just met with Norm, so here's what I know.

- When we were told it was on hold, that mean on hold from release, today we were told it is OK to finish preparing everything.
- Norm let us know today that we will need to provide the statutory authority for all our redactions, Jaimie and Maria will start working on this right away, it will be tedious but should only take them a few days.
- Jaimie will transfer all the video to a hard drive.
- Once the redactions are complete and the videos copied to the hard drive everything can be loaded into the portal.
- From there we've done our part, it is someone else's decision regarding the release.

Thanks.

Jeff

From: Holt, Kay
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Sutton, Jeff <Sutton.Jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Millions Wasted Forcing Bunnies And Rats To Eat Lard And Breathe Truck Fumes | The Daily Caller

In session, Jeff. Can you send me a line or two that I can share with Chris this afternoon?

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From: Sutton, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 11:02 AM
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I spoke to Christiane please call if you would like when you have some free time and I'll give you an update. Thank you.

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On Jul 10, 2018, at 10:18 AM, Holt, Kay <Holt.Kay@epa.gov> wrote:

OK – thanks for update – I'll stand by on this end to hear any news from Christiane.

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From: Brown, Janice

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:13 AM

To: Holt, Kay <Holt.Kay@epa.gov>; Graff, Jaimie <Graff.Jaimie@epa.gov>

Cc: Sutton, Jeff <Sutton.Jeff@epa.gov>; Adams, DanielD <Adams.DanielD@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Millions Wasted Forcing Bunnies And Rats To Eat Lard And Breathe Truck Fumes | The Daily Caller

I was never given a reason for the hold other than it was a potentially high visibility request. We are in the middle of transitioning to the new FOIA Online system and it is currently locked. I can't login or upload data even if we get the hold removed, but I will check in with Christianne and her team to see if we can get this resolved as soon as the system is available.

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From: Holt, Kay

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:03 AM

To: Graff, Jaimie <Graff.Jaimie@epa.gov>

Cc: Sutton, Jeff <Sutton.Jeff@epa.gov>; Brown, Janice <Brown.Janice@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Millions Wasted Forcing Bunnies And Rats To Eat Lard And Breathe Truck Fumes | The Daily Caller

Thanks. Chris is here in Cincinnati and asking why the WCW FOIA was put on-hold. Please also reach out to Christiane – we may need someone to contact OGC on this – let's work through OPARM.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) |

From: Graff, Jaimie

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:01 AM

To: Holt, Kay <Holt.Kay@epa.gov>

Cc: Sutton, Jeff <Sutton.Jeff@epa.gov>; Brown, Janice <Brown.Janice@epa.gov>

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Sorry, Kay. I never heard a formal reason for why it was put on hold, and never received any responses to emails about this FOIA. I only heard that Chris Robins became aware of the FOIA after it had been bouncing around through Region 4 before coming to us and when he sat up and took notice it was placed on hold.

I've copied Janice Brown on this email. She was serving as the POC for the FOIAs when this one came our way.

Cheers;

Jaimie

From: Holt, Kay

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 9:58 AM

To: Graff, Jaimie <Graff.Jaimie@epa.gov>

Cc: Sutton, Jeff <Sutton.Jeff@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Millions Wasted Forcing Bunnies And Rats To Eat Lard And Breathe Truck Fumes | The Daily Caller

Please remind me why the WCW FOIA is still on hold? I need this soonest. Thanks

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From: Graff, Jaimie

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 9:30 AM

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Cc: Sutton, Jeff <Sutton.Jeff@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Millions Wasted Forcing Bunnies And Rats To Eat Lard And Breathe Truck Fumes | The Daily Caller

Good morning, Kay;

I haven't heard a thing regarding taking the FOIA off hold. Norm is helping me, and interfacing with the OCG regarding redaction, but that's it.

As for #2: The article came out yesterday evening. So, nothing will have spun up from it yet.

I expect more FOIAs to come once we respond to the current one. That's the general pattern. Use one FOIA to find something to look for in the next FOIA.

Cheers;

Jaimie

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Thank you for sending, Jaimie. Two quick questions: 1) are we still on-hold with the first WCW FOIA? and 2) has the below article precipitated more FOIAs to your knowledge?

From: Graff, Jaimie

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 8:41 AM

To: Holt, Kay <Holt.Kay@epa.gov>; Sutton, Jeff <Sutton.Jeff@epa.gov>; Cascio, Wayne <Cascio.Wayne@epa.gov>; Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>; Narotsky, Michael <Narotsky.Michael@epa.gov>

Cc: Adkins, Norman <adkins.norman@epa.gov>; Hoopes, Maria <Hoopes.Maria@epa.gov>; Jarema, Kimberly <Jarema.Kimberly@epa.gov>; Jarrell, Leslie <Jarrell.Leslie@epa.gov>; Best, Deborah <Best.Deborah@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Millions Wasted Forcing Bunnies And Rats To Eat Lard And Breathe Truck Fumes | The Daily Caller

Good morning! Never a dull moment!

Cheers;

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From: jaimieeden [mailto:jaimieeden@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 8:22 AM

To: Graff, Jaimie <Graff.Jaimie@epa.gov>

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<http://dailycaller.com/2018/07/09/epa-wastes-millions-outdated-tests/>

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7:03 PM 07/09/2018

With the resignation of embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator Scott Pruitt, the agency is now under the leadership of deputy Andrew Wheeler who needs to move the EPA past the scandals of his predecessor and pursue the Administration's agenda.

Picking up where Pruitt left off on cutting wasteful EPA animal tests is one area where Wheeler can quickly find broad bipartisan support from liberty-lovers and animal-lovers alike.

Back in April, to coincide with tax week, our 400,000-member taxpayer watchdog group White Coat Waste Project (WCW) exposed how the EPA subjects 20,000 bunnies, mice and other animals annually to contrived tests that include making them eat lard to induce obesity and then forcing them to inhale diesel exhaust, smog and ozone for hours and days on end to allegedly assess the harmful health effects of air pollution.

In a [Daily Caller interview](#) about the controversial studies, Steve Milloy, a member of Donald Trump's EPA transition team, said:

"Mice are not little people when it comes to studying the potential health effects, like cancer, of low-level exposures to chemicals in the environment ... Generally, in order to demonstrate that a chemical can cause cancer in a rodent or other lab animal, the researcher will have to literally almost poison the animal." Former Trump adviser Roger Stone also [skewered the studies](#), writing, "The EPA's animal tests are as dumb as they sound. They're also dangerous because their misleading results may be used as a basis for flawed public health and regulatory decisions that harm people and industry."

The hardworking taxpayers who are being forced to foot the bill for this waste and abuse are fed up. A February 2018 Lincoln Park Strategies poll of 1,000 voters [found](#) that an astounding 79 percent of Republicans and 68 percent of Democrats support efforts to cut federal spending on EPA's animal testing.

Over 55,000 taxpayers have already taken action at [EPASucks.org](#), WCW's online advocacy campaign, to urge the EPA and Congress to cut funding for these wasteful animal tests that scientists and the EPA itself acknowledge are slow, costly and ineffective. Former Senator Tom Coburn's (R-Okla.) organization Pursuit also joined WCW to [highlight](#) EPA's problematic animal tests and other reckless EPA spending.

To their credit, Republican and Democratic lawmakers heard loud and clear from their constituents, and several quickly sprang into action to curb this waste and abuse.

Leading EPA critic Congressman Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) [slammed the animal tests](#) in a speech to the House of Representatives, remarking in a now-viral video, "Mr. Speaker, we find a lot of ways to waste money in this town, but the EPA may have just reached a new low."

And last month, Congress members David Joyce (R-Ohio) and Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) cosponsored an amendment that was [successfully passed](#) by the House Appropriations Committee urging the EPA to reduce in-house animal testing exposed by WCW.

Even while Scott Pruitt was receiving hefty criticism for lavish spending, secrecy and conflicts of interest, he maintained his commitment to "EPA's goal of reducing the use of animals and increasing the use of cutting-edge science in chemical testing" and took laudable steps to [minimize unnecessary animal testing](#) mandates for the private sector. But the agency needs to reform its own antiquated testing practices too.

The right and left rarely see eye-to-eye about the EPA. But voters and lawmakers from across the political spectrum overwhelmingly agree that the EPA shouldn't be spending millions of taxpayers' dollars to subject bunnies and other animals to misleading, outdated and deadly lab experiments.

Acting administrator Andrew Wheeler should seize this opportunity to reform the EPA and begin to repair its reputation by cutting wasteful government spending that harms animals, taxpayers, industry and the environment.

Anthony Bellotti is the founder and president of White Coat Waste Project. Bellotti previously worked as a strategist on Republican candidate and issue campaigns and was executive director of the American Association of Political Consultants.